

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Big Lake

Big Lake is an unincorporated CDP located on the shore of Big Lake, southwest of Wasilla in the Chugach Mountains. Big Lake is part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 3,191, a gain of about 556 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 53 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 26 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

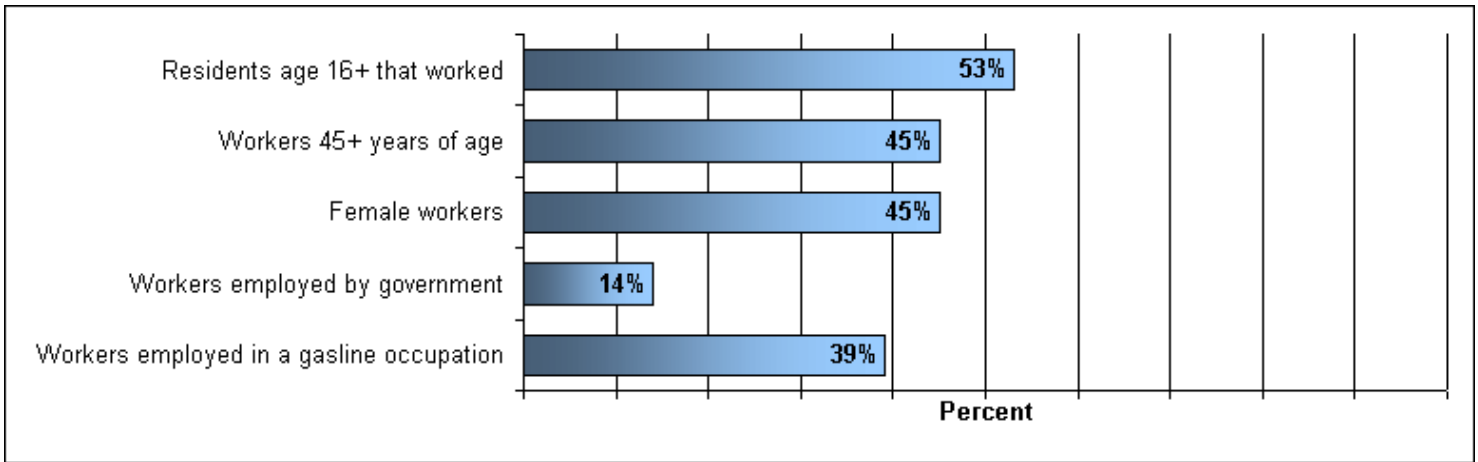
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Big Lake Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	2,497	Total wages	\$48,409,047
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	1,332	Private	1,139
Male	729	State government	53
Female	601	Local government	140
Age 45+	599	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	404	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	1,164
		Percent working all 4 quarters	65.6%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	287	Some construction	427
		At least 1 year construction	280
		At least 2 years construction	179
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	1,029
New hires	510		

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2008 Residents

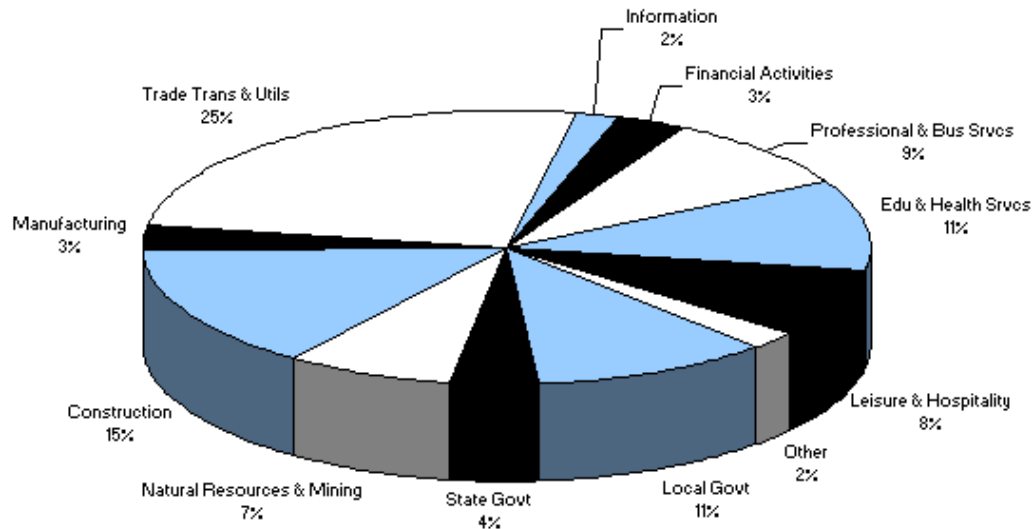


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	60	51.7%	24	19
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	54	13.0%	14	6
Cashiers	39	87.2%	15	12
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	37	8.3%	23	20
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	32	81.2%	19	13
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	30	76.7%	11	6
Office Clerks, General AGIA	29	65.5%	12	10
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	27	7.4%	15	9
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters AGIA HOT JOB	26	0.0%	10	7
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	26	0.0%	12	8
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	26	20.0%	7	5
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	24	66.7%	5	3
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	22	4.5%	4	2
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	22	45.5%	14	10
Waiters and Waitresses	21	100.0%	3	2
Personal and Home Care Aides	16	75.0%	8	6
Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling, and Wall AGIA	16	6.2%	4	2
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	16	93.8%	12	10
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	16	100.0%	8	5
Sales and Related Workers, All Other	15	46.7%	10	4

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	99	7.1%	42	31
Construction	194	9.3%	78	53
Manufacturing	39	15.4%	8	6
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	340	42.6%	156	101
Information	25	44.0%	12	4
Financial Activities	40	67.5%	22	14
Professional and Business Services	119	43.7%	62	44
Educational and Health Services	143	88.8%	71	53
Leisure and Hospitality	109	67.9%	29	19
State Government	53	37.7%	28	22
Local Government	140	67.1%	80	49
Other	28	64.3%	9	6
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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Recent Unemployment Statistics

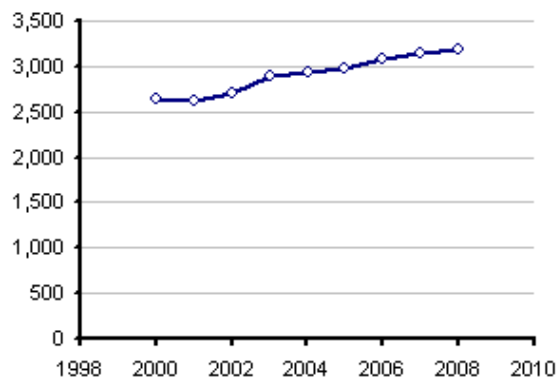
	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	120	149	163	185

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Mat Su Borough Schools
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Spenard Builders Supply Inc
Matanuska Susitna Borough
Steves Food Boy LLC
Veco Alaska Inc
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Nana Management Services LLC
Palmer-Wasilla Health System LLC
Arctic Insulation & Mfg LLC

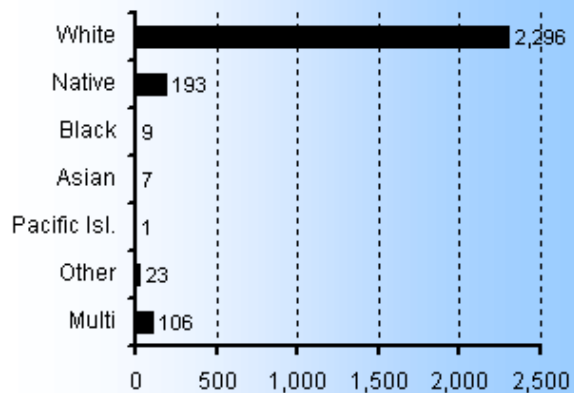
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	37.8
Average Family Size	3.1
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$19,285
Median Family Income	\$47,542
Median Household Income	\$43,382

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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